

Professor A. Gray  
Cambridge.

Wartenberg near  
Tampoyuca Yucatan Mexico  
March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1859

Dear Sir

In the month of October of the last year I did send to you a large box with plants, but having received no answer until now, I would ask with this, if the one lost and never received by you. Two letters I sent <sup>before that</sup> were not answered but I thought, that by reason of the revolutionaries here they came not in your hands, but as the box makes a great volume I can not declare here lost. I did send said box with on Mr. Herman Schultz of Tampico, who will also receive your answer. Said box contained:

19 species of fern

226 species other plants and a collection of mosses of this neighborhood

Of all species, where I could find them I sent 13 specimens, as you had the friendship to write to me, that you could sell ten - twelve. You want of a box or boxes; all seeds I had collected were destroyed by insects and I could therefore send only few, but I am collecting them now for the next time.

I had to pass this box very much in haste

Therefore I forget to remark, that the mosses  
all were collected on the mesa of this colony  
Wartenberg between November and February.

At present I am expecting your friendly answer  
and if possible some paper, as all things are very  
high here, I had to pay for that paper (and other  
better paper is not there) \$7.50 without freight.

I would like to explore more this part of the country  
but you consider, that the difficulties are very  
great; no roads, no taverns, all the time camping  
and in middle of a revolutionary people; hardly is to  
be found a little plank for pressing the plants.

All the plants and ferns which I collected from Mexico  
while here are ready for to be sent to you as soon as I  
received your answer and also another large collection  
made here. I am now more acquainted with  
the all things here and would go further of from this  
part of the country as soon I receive some money  
from you, so that I can make a report with me.

You might send the best to a person in New Orleans  
who must give it on the steamer, who runs weekly between  
New Orleans and Tampico. To get things here by way of  
Veracruz is very difficult.

I am

very truly yours  
L. C. Ewendberg  
L.C.

Received  
of  
L. C. Ewendberg  
the sum of  
\$7.50  
for  
paper  
Jan 18 1848

Recd. & paid. 11/11/31.  
by P. W. Brock, 62 Pine St.  
N.Y.C.

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